THEY'RE COOL, RIGHT?
THEY'RE MINE!
Today is May the 5th, which is Children's Day in Japan.
WHY WOULD YOU MAKE FISHES FLOAT...
WHAT IS THE MEANING BEHIND THIS CUSTOM?
MS. MATSU-DA? HOW NICE!
GRAND-MA BOUGHT THEM FOR ME!
SO I'M THE BOTTOM ONE.
HM?
THE BLUE ONE IS THE DAD, THE RED ONE IS THE MOM AND THE SMALL ONE IS THE KID!
AH! IT'S MY FIRST SYMBOL!
IXΘYΣ
SO THIS IS ONE OF MY CELEBRA-TIONS?!
THEY'RE NICE...
THE ONE WHO'S ABOVE THE DAD?
I DUNNO...
AND WHAT'S THE OCTOPUS LOOK-ALIKE ON THE TOP?
THESE TWO ARE PLAYING WITH MY GRAND-SON. THAT'S NICE OF THEM!

創造主父さん
ヨセフ父さん
マリア母さん
神の子の私
IT'S PROBABLY THE TRUE DAD, THE ONE IN HEAVEN...
!?
WHAT ARE YOU TELLING MY KID?!

When he was a child Buddha liked ta whistle through his fingers He tried it again not taa lang aga and was shacked to see that he couldn't da it again
TO CELEBRATE THEIR GROWING UP?
CHILDREN'S DAY?
WAIT, I'M NEARLY DONE CLEANING UP THE BAMBOO SPROUTS.
GRANDMA, WHEN ARE WE EATING?
Hey father of mine Is that your fishing kapotte? I don't fink me, I'm the son of god! [lol]
GOOD THAT SHE TOLD ME THAT BEFORE I SENT THAT MAIL TO PETER!
When he was a child Jesus liked skipping stones across water He tried it again not taa lang aga and was shacked ta see that he could only make it bounce taur times
AH, DON'T FORGET THAT I WAS MORE THAN AN ANGEL... LITERALLY!
MARY TOLD ME THAT YOU WERE AN ANGEL WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER : SMART AND...
HAHA, SHE REALLY LOVES HER GRANDSON A LOT, WHAT A HEARTWARMING SCENE...
I HEARD THERE'S GOING TO BE CAKE FOR DESSERT!
OH, UNTIL MY TEENAGE YEARS, IT WAS GOOD!
WHAT A TOUGH CHILDHOOD...
BUT IT WASN'T THAT RELAXING...
WITH HEROD GOING AFTER ME...
CHILDREN ARE INNOCENT, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE...

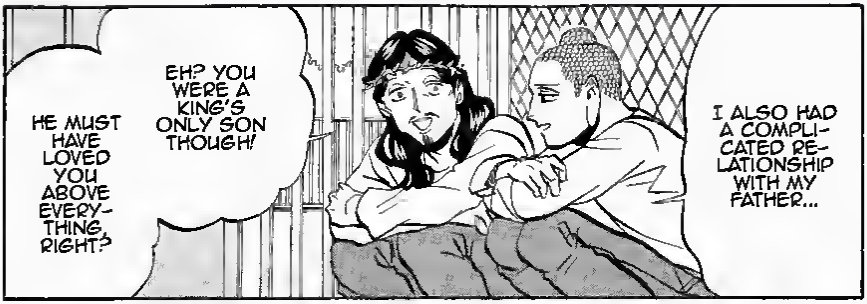
I'M GOING TO PRETEND I HEARD "SUPERHERO".
If the grown ups find out about my magical powers I'll get in trouble!!
I FELT LIKE A MAGICAL GIRL TO BE...
MY EARLY EXCITEMENT FADED AWAY AND DAY-TO-DAY STRESS TOOK ITS PLACE INSTEAD...
YES... AND BECAUSE OF IT...
YOU BEGAN YOUR SAINT LIFE VERY LATE, WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT
Ms Matsuda is Jesus and Buddha' landowner. When she was a child she liked to play with skipping ropes. She tried it again not too long ago and was shocked to see that she nearly fractured her femur.
IT'S COOL, I'M THE SON OF GOD, I'M THE SON OF GOD...
so I began to panic for real
Dad didn't send me any signs.
NO, WHEN I REACHED 20 YEARS OLD
LIKE... HEROD'S MEN?
I CAN REPEAT
THAT I'M THE "SON OF GOD" FOR A WHILE, BUT I'M REACHING MY LIMIT HERE...
PLEASE LET DAD GIVE ME THE GREENLIGHT BEFORE I REACH 30...
SOUNDS TOUGH TO HEAR WHEN YOU'RE THE SON OF GOD...
I COULD HEAR THE NEIGHBOURS SAY "HE'S 20 YEARS OLD NOW, HE'S JUST A NORMAL MAN"...

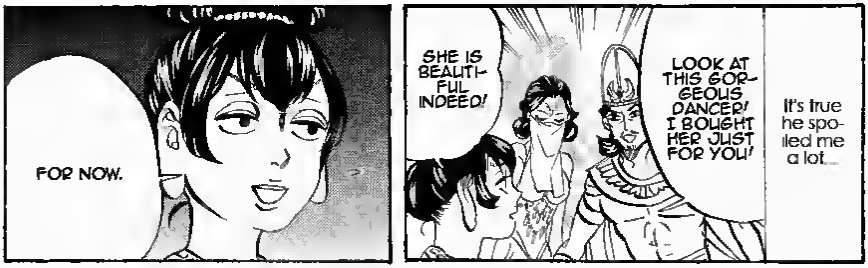
NO, I... I DON'T INTEND TO TAKE IT...
I WANT SOME-THING ELSE...
OH NO, YOU KNOW ...
SO YESHUA, STILL NOT MAR-RIED?
ARE YOU BE WAITING TO INHERT THE CAR-PENTER BUSINESS FROM YOUR POPS?
Yes Im-port-ant Set kids
30 years old
I'M SURE MY TRUE CALLING IS GOING TO APPEAR SOON...
FORTU-NATELY DAD GAVE ME THE START UP GREEN-LIGHT RIGHT AFTER THAT
BUT I CAN NEVER FORGET THE WAY THEY LOOKED AT ME...
BE GRATEFUL FOR THOSE EXPERIEN-CES, THEY HELPED IN YOUR LEAR-NING PRO-CESS.
AND THANKS TO THAT, YOU GOT TO LIVE WITH YOUR FAMILY ON EARTH FOR THIRTY YEARS!
ALL THESE PRECIOUS MEMORIES WITH JOSEPH AND MARY WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU!
AH INDEED... I'LL NEVER FORGET...

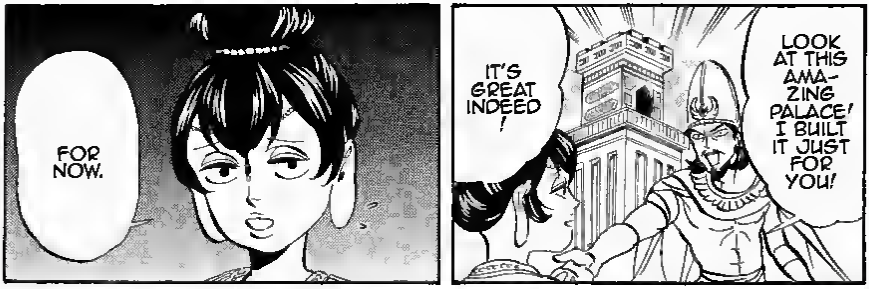
If he's not my son...
BECOMING MORE AND MORE SUSPICIOUS EVERYDAY...
FATHER JOSEPH'S EYES...
And not the son of God either...
Then what does that make me?

and started to build, each thing bigger and higher than the last!
He took refuge in his carpenter job more and more...

POOR HIM... HE WAS IN THE MOST UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATION...
What does that make me?
And me
WHO'S EGGS GOT REPLACED A CUCKOO...
ONE TIME I EVEN SAW HIM TALK TO A BIRD


I ALSO HAD A COMPLI-CATED RE-LATIONSHIP WITH MY FATHER...
EH? YOU WERE A KING'S ONLY SON THOUGH!
HE MUST HAVE LOVED YOU ABOVE EVERY-THING, RIGHT?


It's true he spo-iled me a lot...
LOOK AT THIS GOR-GEOUS DANCER! I BOUGHT HER JUST FOR YOU!
SHE IS BEAUTI-FUL INDEED!
FOR NOW.


LOOK AT THIS AMA-ZING PALACE! I BUILT IT JUST FOR YOU!
IT'S GREAT INDEED!
FOR NOW.

I DON'T THINK I WAS A REALLY CUTE CHILD....
You need to be more positive!
We're all going to die in the end
DON'T SAY THAT!
I'M SURE THAT EVEN JUDAS WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HUG YOU!
AND AFTER ALL, IT WAS A PROOF OF YOUR PURITY!
HEY, COME OVER HERE AND LOOK!

LOOK AT WHAT MY DAD BOUGHT ME!
OH! LIKE A SAMURAI!
ARMOR FROM THE OLDEN DAYS!
IT'S THE ARMOR OF DAD'S FAVORITE WARRIOR!
WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE IT?
NO... I ONLY KNOW AMAKUSA SHIRO...
OH, THE ONE WHO LED A CHRISTIAN REVOLT?
HE WAS A GOOD KID.
HE CAME TO HEAVEN WITH A GIFT FOR ME.
IT WAS AN ICON OF MYSELF THAT HE HANDED TO ME SAYING...
STRAIGHT IN THE EYES "I DIDN'T PUT A FOOT ON IT!"
SO IT'S NEW? THANKS, I'LL USE IT STRAIGHT AWAY!
SO I THOUGHT IT WAS A DOORMAT... AND THAT MADE HIM CRY...
WHY DO YOU KEEP HURTING EACH OTHER!?

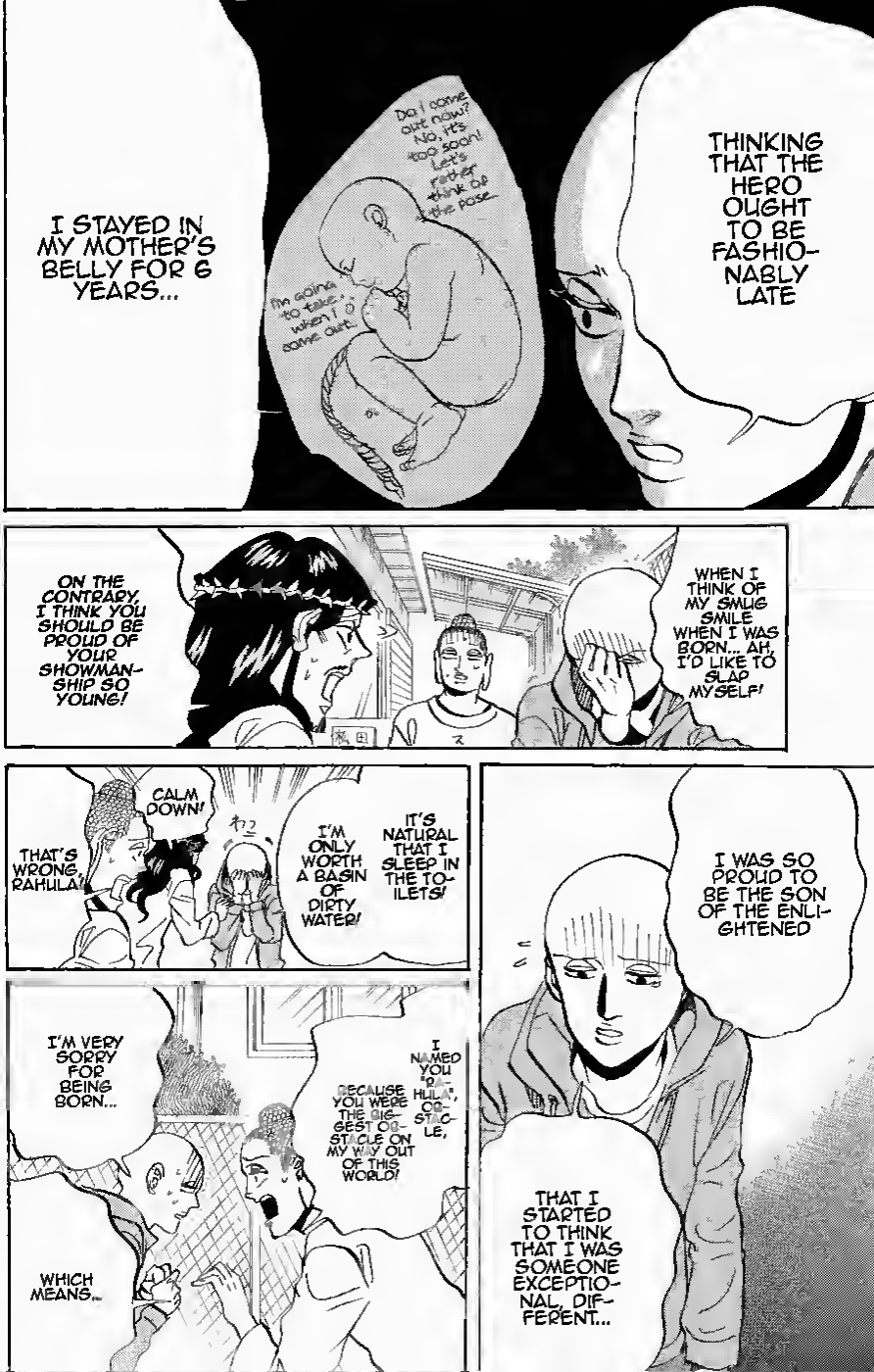
IT WAS STILL IN THE DRAFT STAGE...
Is that a cake pan?
SO "PICTURE TO STEP ON" AND IT WAS SO STEPPED ON THAT YOU COULDN'T RECOGNIZE ME AT ALL...
HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW... IT'S CALLED "FUMI-E",
I see...
JESUS IS ALWAYS SO POPULAR WITH CHILDREN...
OH YOU WANNA FIGHT! MY ACAPE IS READY!
HEY! LET'S FIGHT! MY SUPER SPECIAL MOVE IS SUPER STRONG!
IT'S AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS ENLIGHTENMENT!
I DIDN'T ABANDON MY WIFE AND MY CHILD, I CUT OUR BONDS!
HAHAHA, BUT I'M MARRIED AND HAVE A CHILD ALREADY!
YOU TOO, IT'S TIME TO MARRY AND GET KIDS, THINK OF YOUR PARENTS!
BUT OF COURSE NOT!
WHAT!? YOU ABANDONED YOUR HOUSE! EVEN THOUGH YOUR KID IS STILL SO YOUNG!
WE'RE MEDITATING ON THE PAIN OF SEPARATION AND LOVE FROM AFAR.
ARE YOU DIVORCED?

WHAT'S THE DIFFE-RENCE?
HUH?
The clear skies in the enlighte-ned's heart darkened suddenly.
DON'T WORRY BUDDHA! IT'S DIF-FERENT! IT'S SOME-THING ELSE ALTOGE-THER! I SWEAR!
HUH!?

WHAT?
BUT IT'S SO SUDDEN, I...
JUST HOPE IT'S NOT TOO LATE!
YOU'RE HAVING FUN WITH MY KID BUT NEGLECTING YOURS!?
RING HIM RIGHT NOW!
WHOA, MATSUDA-SAN, YOU'RE COMFORTABLE WITH TECHNOLOGY!!
R-RAHULA.
GIVE ME YOUR PHONE.
WHAT'S THE NAME OF YOUR KID?
EH, WHA-!? HM, HELLO, RAHULA? SORRY TO BOTHER YOU ALL OF SUDDEN, HM...
HERE, TALK TO HIM.
I FORGOT THAT SHE WAS A MARIO-KART CHAMPION.
FA-THER!
I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT!
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TEACH ME TODAY!?
One hour later
BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION WHEN I'LL BE FACED WITH HIM...
Maybe ka...?
DON'T WORRY, I GOT A PLAN!
HE SAID HE'LL COME...
SO...?
SINCE JACOB'S LADDER LEADS TO OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD, HE'LL BE THERE IN ONE HOUR...

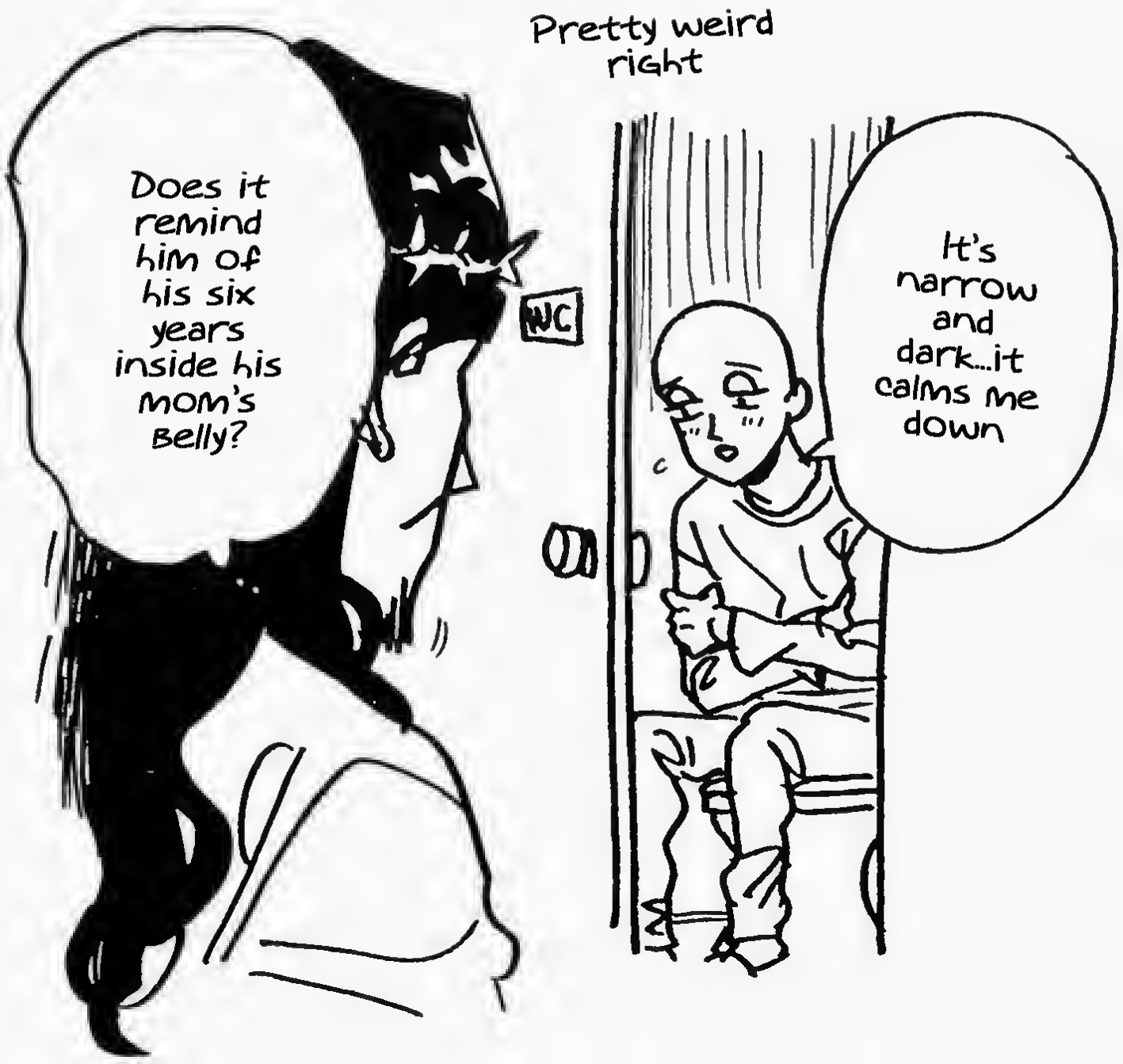
WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY SOME CATCH WITH ME?
HUH... ACTUALLY...
I-I'LL BEGIN...
SO THAT'S FOR YOU...
I UNDERSTOOD THAT YOU WERE COMPARING MY STUBBORNESS IN MY LIES TO THIS DIRTY WATER...
WHEN YOU ASKED IF I COULD DRINK THE WATER THAT I WASHED YOUR FEET WITH...
SINCE THEN I LEARNT MY LESSON...
One hour later
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE A LESSON TO TEACH ME...
FOR ME TOO, IT'S DIFFICULT...
BUT I'M TOO MEDIOCRE TO CATCH SIGHT OF EVEN MERE GLIMPSES OF IT!
WHA-WHAT'S WRONG!? YOU'RE GIVING UP!? YOU'D LIKE A KOAN BETTER TOO!?
MERCY, FATHER! PLEASE BE LENIENT WITH ME!

RAHULA, THAT'S THE OTHER WAY! YOU'RE PUSHING THROUGH YOUR ERROR!
A WATER BLESSED WITH YOUR FEET WOULD BE THE SWEETEST DRINK!
OR RATHER, NOW I COULD DRINK IT!
AND MRS. MATSUDA NEITHER PROBABLY...
IT'S NORMAL, MY CHILD, I DON'T GET IT EITHER...
BUT THIS BALL LESSON... I DON'T UNDERSTAND AT ALL... I'M SORRY.
HOW... CAN IT BE?
DID RAHULA JUST CALL ME VAIN?
MY PRETENTIOUSNESS IS SUCH THAT...
THE HUBRIS I WAS BORN WITH WILL NEVER LEAVE ME?
ARE YOU SAYING THAT EVEN IF I'M FREE FROM THE TEMPTATION OF LYING...
NO, MY VANITY IS WAY WORSE THAN HIS!
YOU CAN'T BE WORSE THAN YOUR FATHER! AFTER ALL, WHEN HE WAS BORN, HE SAID HE WAS THE ONLY ONE BLESSED ON THIS EARTH!!
COME ON!


I STAYED IN MY MOTHER'S BELLY FOR 6 YEARS...
Do I come out now? No, it's too soon! Let's rather think of the pose...
I'm going to take... when I come out.
THINKING THAT THE HERO OUGHT TO BE FASHIONABLY LATE
ON THE CONTRARY, I THINK YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF YOUR SHOWMANSHIP SO YOUNG!
WHEN I THINK OF MY SMUG SMILE WHEN I WAS BORN... AH, I'D LIKE TO SLAP MYSELF!
CALM DOWN!
THAT'S WRONG, RAHULA!
I'M ONLY WORTH A BASIN OF DIRTY WATER!
IT'S NATURAL THAT I SLEEP IN THE TOILETS!
I WAS SO PROUD TO BE THE SON OF THE ENLIGHTENED
I'M VERY SORRY FOR BEING BORN...
I NAMED YOU "RAHULA", OBSTACLE, BECAUSE YOU WERE THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE ON MY WAY OUT OF THIS WORLD!
WHICH MEANS...
THAT I STARTED TO THINK THAT I WAS SOMEONE EXCEPTIONAL, DIFFERENT...

SO STOP TALKING YOURSELF DOWN ALL THE TIME!
THAT YOU'RE SOME-ONE EXCEP-TIONALLY DEAR TO ME!
FATHER ...
AH...
EHP BUT WHY? YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO COPY RAHULA TO MAKE HIM HAPPY YOU KNOW!
IT'S TRUE LORD JESUS! THIS TRA-INING IS UNWORTHY OF YOU!
NO... I THINK THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I NEED...
OH, IF YOU LET ME BORROW YOUR TOILETS THEN...
LET'S EAT IT TOGE-THER!
NO RAHULA I'M THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO EAT IN THE TOILETS TODAY.
OH THANKS FOR THE GLOVES, MA' AM
HEY!
DON'T WASTE YOUR WORDS FOR ME SO!
OH, LOOK JESUS! BAMBOO SPRO-UTS FOR DINNER!
COME ON TAKE THAT!
WELL THEN, YOUR KID IS ALL GROWN UP.
HM... YEAH ...

I ALSO SPEND MY TIME TELLING EVERYONE I'M THE SON OF MY FATHER...
AFTER ALL...
LORD JESUS, BE CAREFUL!
JESUS, CALM DOWN!!
LET ME BE WITH THE GOD OF TOILETS!
MY NICKNAME IS EVEN "SON OF GOD"... I'M A GOOD FOR NOTHING!
JESUS, APOLOGIZE! YOU'RE ONLY MAKING THINGS WORSE!
AND CUT THE HEATER! IT MAKES SITTING DOWN TOO COMFORTABLE! AND REGARDING ENTERTAINMENT LIKE MANGAS ...
You can't imitate someone's custom without thinking of the consequences.
AND THEN, WHEN THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE JUST USED THE TOILETS, YOU CAN'T GET IN RIGHT AWAY,
SINCE SOME PEOPLE ARE SHY ABOUT THEIR ODOR...
JESUS ...
WHEN IT'S A HOUSE WITH A SINGLE TOILET YOU NEED TO LET THE DOOR OPEN...
SO THAT YOU DON'T BOTHER PEOPLE WHO WANT TO USE IT.
A TRAINING IN THE TOILET ISN'T TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY!


Pretty weird right
It's narrow and dark...it calms me down
WC
Does it remind him of his six years inside his MOM's Belly?

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